ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF BOSCAWEN

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1921

University of New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Boscawen

COMPRISING THOSE OF THE

Selectmen, Auditors, School Committee

Library Trustees, and Agents

FOR THE

Year Ending January 31, 1921

W. B. Ranney, Printer, Penacook, N. H.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1920

SELECTMEN

Frank L. Gerrish — Fred James

Harry S. Harris

CLERK

Harry W. Carter

TREASURER

William B. Ranney

COLLECTOR

Guy H. Hubbard

AUDITORS

Fred B. Holt — Cecil P. Grimes

BOARD OF EDUCATION—TOWN DISTRICT

Marion H. Flanders — Ralph W. Pillsbury

Mary K. Colby

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS

John T. Silver — Nathaniel M. Flagg

Althorn E. Sweatt

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST

Levi P. Fisher — Cecil P. Grimes

William G. Goodhue

BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. A. C. Alexander

POLICE OFFICERS

Joseph H. Bessette — Joseph F. Stoneham

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

[L.S.]

To the inhabitants of the Town of Boscawen in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Boscawen, on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose one man to serve as Selectman for one year, one to serve two years, one to serve three years and all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

3. To take the sense of the qualified voters whether the alterations and amendments to the Constitution proposed by the Constitutional Convention shall be approved.

4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for highways.

5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the trunk lines.

6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for sewers.

7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for notes.

8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for interest.

9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day.

10. To see if the town wishes to observe Old Home Day and appropriate money for the same.

11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Library over and above the amount required by law.

12. To see if the town wishes to cooperate with the State and Federal Government in controlling the White Pine Blister Rust.

13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to spray the ELM TREES on BOSCAWEN PLAIN.

14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to build a gravel sidewalk on the east side of Boscawen Plains, from Canterbury Bridge Road to the Junction of roads beyond the Church. Said sidewalk to be of regular grade, and not less than 3½ feet wide.

15. To see if the town will vote to print annually a complete "LIST OF TAX PAYERS," such as formerly enumerated in the Town Reports. These lists to be on distribution at Carter's Store and Ranney's Printing Office on and after June 15th of each current year.

16. To see if the town will vote to accept Chap. 29, laws of 1899, relating to highways and surveyors of highways, and to take all such action as may be necessary to re-district the town and appointing highway agents and passing any article relating to same.

17. To see what action the town will take to provide better housing of Muchido Hose Company and appropriate money for same.

18. To see if the town will vote to establish a voting place in Penacook to be used on biennial fall elections.

19. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to furnish bonds from some responsible bonding house for its Clerk, Treasurer and Collector.

20. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-one.

FRANK L. GERRISH,
FRED JAMES,
HARRY S. HARRIS,
Selectmen of Boscawen.

A true copy of the Warrant—Attest:

FRANK L. GERRISH,
FRED JAMES,
HARRY S. HARRIS,
Selectmen of Boscawen.

BUDGET FOR THE COMING YEAR

Town charges	$2000.00
Highways	3000.00
Trunk line amount called for	2500.00
Sewers	250.00
Notes	1000.00
Interest	200.00
Decoration Day	25.00
Old Home Day	75.00
Library	350.00
Spraying elms	200.00

INVENTORY FOR 1920

Polls, 271	
Real Estate	$592,557.00
Horses, 177	19,405.00
Oxen, 4	500.00
Cows, 228	16,735.00
Other neat stock, 52	3,535.00
Sheep, 228	2,194.00
Hogs, 31	1,190.00
Fowl	330.00
Vehicles	600.00
Portable mills	2,175.00
Wood and lumber	22,308.00
National Bank	1,000.00
Money on hand	1,054.00
Stock in trade	130,450.00
Locks, canals, etc.,	122,400.00
	$916,433.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall	$500.00
Library, land and buildings	20,000.00
Town sheds and land	200.00
Police department, land and buildings	50.00
Fire department, land and buildings	3,000.00
Fire department, equipment	1,000.00
Horse	150.00
Woodlot	1,000.00

State, County, School and Town Taxes

State tax	$3,240.00
State war tax	432.00
County tax	1,742.29
Town charges	2,000.00
Highways	3,560.27
State highway	1,800.00
Notes	1,000.00
Interest	200.00
Decoration Day.	25.00
Library	450.00
Old Home Day	50.00
Setting pines	200.00
Forest fire tools	125.00
Permanent roads	890.10
	$15,714.60

Town School District	$3,377.16
Penacook School District	5,918.79
Penacook Lighting Precinct	950.00
Town tax rate	1.65
Town School District	.98
Penacook School District	1.00
Penacook Lighting	.17
Water Precinct	3,800.00
Tax rate	.48

TOWN OF BOSCAWEN, RECEIPTS AND PAY-

Assets

Cash in hands of treasurer	$4,382.78
Joint highway account, unexpended balances in State Treasury	129.60
Due from County	133.04
Taxes not collected: Levy of 1920	1,875.17
Total assets	$6,520.59
Net surplus, January 31, 1920	$2,076.20
Net surplus, January 31, 1921	1,044.73
Decrease of surplus	$1,021.47

Receipts

From local taxes:		
Property taxes committed to collector, 1920	$25,871.19	
Less discounts and abatements, 1920	571.82	
Less uncollected, 1920	1,875.17	
1. Property taxes, current year, actually collected		$23,424.20
2 Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, at $3		42.00
3. Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, at $5		755.00
4. Property and poll taxes, previous yrs., actually collected		1,368.39
From State:		
For State Aid construction		129.60
For Trunk Line maintenance		3,388.63

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MENTS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1921.

Liabilities

Due to School Districts, Dog licenses	$94.20
Unexpended balances State Aid Highway in Town Treasury	252.12
Long term notes outstanding	2,000.00
Trust Funds, amt. of principal used by town	3,129.54
Total liabilities	$5,475.86
Excess of assets over libailities (surplus)	$1,044.73
Grand total	$6,520.59

Payments

1.	Town officers' salaries	$515.00	
2.	Town officers' expenses	163.58	
3.	Election and registration exp.	62.00	
4.	Municipal court expenses	100.00	
5.	Exp. town hall and other town buildings	48.45	889.03
	Protection of Persons and Property:		
6.	Police dept., includ'g care tramps	142.66	
7.	Fire dept., including forest fires	1,386.89	
8.	Moth extermination	99.50	1,629.05
	Health:		
11.	Helath dept., including hospitals	65.30	
12.	Vital statistics	26.00	
13.	Sewer maintenance	188.05	279.35
	Highways and Bridges:		
14.	State Aid Maintenance	1,082.88	
15.	Trunk Line maintenance	5,450.54	

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6.	Insurance tax	5.81
7.	Railroad tax	1,482.69
8.	Savings bank tax	1,895.96
From County:		
13.	For support of poor	243.31
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
15.	Dog licenses	94.20
17.	Fines and forfeits, municipal court	79.00
19.	Interest received on taxes	22.39
25.	Permits for reg. of motor vehicles, 1920	487.75
26.	Permits for reg. of motor vehicles, 1921	258.74
		$33,677.67

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16. Town maintenance	6,819.43	
17. Street lighting and sprinkling	1117.20	
18. General expenses of highway dept., including watering troughs	71.50	14,541.55
Libraries:		
19. Libraries		446.58
Charities:		
20. Town poor	109.07	
21. County poor	365.95	475.02
Patriotic Purposes:		
22. Aid to G. A. R. and Memorial Day exercises	2500	
23. Aid to soldiers and their families	10.40	35.40
Recreation:		
24. Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts		66.79
Public Service Enterprises:		
27. Cemeteries, including hearse hire		12.63
Unclassified:		
28. Damages and legal expenses	532.95	
30. Trees	150.26	683.21
Total current maintenance expenses		$19,058.61
Interest:		
32. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	26.75	
33. Paid on long term notes	96.38	
35. Paid on prin. of trust funds used by town	80.00	
Total interest payments		$203.13

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Receipts other than Current Revenue:

27.	Temp. loans in anticipation of taxes during year	1,500.00
32.	Refunds	78.50
34.	Trust funds	50.00
35.	Moths	11.00
	Total receipts other than current revenue	$1,639.50
	Cash on hand February 1, 1920	$5,340.56
	Grand Total	$40,657.73

Indebtedness:		
44. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	1,500.00	
45. Payments on long term notes	850.00	
Total indebtedness payments		$2,350.00
Payments to other Gov. Divisions:		
50. Taxes paid to State	3,672.00	
51. Taxes paid to County	1,742.29	
53. Payments to School Districts	9,248.92	
Total payments to other governmental divisions		$14,663.21
Total payments for all purposes		$36,274.95
Cash on hand January 31, 1921		4,382.78
Grand total		$40,657.73

DETAILED STATEMENT

General Government

Town Officers Salaries

Fred B. Holt, auditor	$2.00	
L. P. Fisher, supervisor	20.00	
W. G. Goodhue, supervisor	20.00	
Fred James, selectmen	35.00	
W. B. Ranney, treasurer	50.00	
F. L. Gerrish, selectman	100.00	
Harry S. Harris, selectman	100.00	
C. P. Grimes, supervisor	15.00	
G. H. Hubbard, tax collector	125.00	
H. W. Carter, clerk	48.00	
		$515.00

Town Officers Expenses

W. B. Ranney, printing	125.25	
Buxton & Sherburne, bond	7.50	
Dora Flanders, copying	10.00	
E. C. Eastman, books for collector	4.85	
W. C. T. U., dinner	6.75	
Fred James, supplies	2.68	
W. B. Ranney	1.75	
F. L. Gerrish	4.80	
		$163.58

Election and Registration Expenses

A. E. Fish, booths	60.00	
Joseph Stoneham, services	2.00	
		$62.00

Municipal Court Expenses

W. G. Buxton		100.00

Town Hall

John T. Silver, sawing wood	9.75	
George H. Stone, wood and labor	9.00	
F. L. Bartlett, janitor	15.00	
Fred James, wood	10.00	
H. W. Carter, bulbs	4.70	
		$48.45

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department

Joseph Stoneham, self and payroll, July 4	20.00	
Joseph Stoneham	10.00	
Joseph H. Bessette, self and costs	112.66	
		$142.66

Fire Department

Torrent Hose Co.

W. B. Ranney, lamps	3.50	
E. L. Davis, fuel	85.35	
C. M. and A. W. Rolfe, lumber	7.33	
Brockway store	8.31	
F. J. Preston, lamps	12.00	
E. E. Babb, plumbing	2.50	
D. W. Fox	.45	
W. G. Buxton, auto	400.00	
Hoyt Garage, tires and gas	185.05	
Payroll	350.00	
L. M. Sweet, supplies	.. 1.25	
		$1,055.74

Muchido Hose Co.

Edward Webster, coal	63.83	
E. L. Davis, coke	9.00	
Harris-Emery Co., vitriol	13.00	
A. K. Flanders, repairs on water	10.50	
George Brown, labor	3.02	
H. W. Carter, gas	3.70	
Flint Bros., gas and soda	8.15	
Payroll	100.00	
		$211.20

Report of Muchido Hose Company, For the year ending January 31, 1921.

Bell alarms	14
Still alarms	0

J. F. STONEHAM, Chief.

Forest Fire

Walter Eastman, payroll for fire on land of Joseph Eastman	4.00	
State of N. H., tools for forest fires	115.95	
		$119.95

Moth Extermination

A. E. Griffin, self and payroll, with purchased stock	99.50

Vital Statistics

A. J. Rowe, return of births and deaths	2.25	
A. J. Rowe, return of births and deaths	3.50	
A. C. Alexander, return of births and deaths	5.00	
E. U. Sargent, return of births and deaths	5.25	
H. W. Carter, copying	10.00	
		$26.00

Health

Fowler Drug Co., formaldehyde	15.30	
A. C. Alexander	50.00	
		$65.30

Sewers

A. E. Sweatt	23.70	
A. E. Sweatt	34.50	
A. E. Sweatt	65.67	
A. E. Sweatt	21.92	
F. E. Williams, supplies	2.77	
Thompson & Hoague, sewer pipe	6.06	
A. E. Sweatt	33.43	
C. A. Milton, lumber	6.44	
		$188.05

Highways and Bridges

State Aid Maintenance

Blasting on Gerrish Hill.

N. M. Flagg	9.00	
J. T. Moore	6.00	
Lester Couch	3.60	
Thompson & Hoague, dynamite	14.63	
Freight	2.06	
		$35.29

Work on Road by Turn of the Mountain

N. M. Flagg	$94.80
Wm. B. Flint	62.30
Emery Cassavaugh	78.25
Harry Hurd	126.05
George Dyer	64.75
Pervis Dyer	48.25

——— Foss	9.00	
Austin Langley	56.75	
Daniel Flint	38.25	
Henry Stone	1.50	
Frank Folsom	10.66	
Eliza Bent	3.00	
George Fairbanks	5.20	
Phone	.85	
Freight on dynamite	2.06	
F. & F. Co., nails	.40	
Thompson & Hoague, caps and fuse	3.50	
H. W. Carter & Co., roofing and twine	3.73	
John B. Varick Co., dynamite	15.00	
		$624.30

Permanent Improvements

Boston & Maine R. R., iron for Harris bridge used 1919, not paid last year	222.59	
N. M. Flagg, labor on High street	35.29	
A. E. Sweatt, wall on Water street	200.70	
		$1,082.88

Trunk Line Maintenance

Exp. of maintaining State road for past yr.	$9,541.61
Of this amount the town paid	$2,500.00

Town Highways

Exp. of breaking roads from Feb 1, 1920 to Mar. 9, 1920.

George B. Colby	314.27	
Fred L. Bartlett	250.24	
C. A. Milton	339.40	
		$903.91

Material purchased:		
Fred James, plank	83.46	
Samuel Lake, plank	99.04	
Town of Webster	12.00	
C. M. and A. W. Rolfe	66.79	
North East Metal Culvert Co.	27.90	
Jackman & Son, lantern	2.60	
H. W. Carter, spikes	2.30	
Concord Lumber Co., stock for snow plow	5.44	
Perry Bros., express	1.00	
Charles Wiggin, labor on plow	5.00	
Henry Haywood, iron work	3.50	
D. W. Fox, hardware	44.29	
		$353.32

Maintenance of Horse

Brockway, grain	46.67	
Stratton & Co., grain	6.50	
L. M. Sweet, grain	46.29	
O. J. Fifield, hay	13.48	
F. L. Gerrish, hay	21.12	
B. F. Butler, grass	25.00	
A. E. Sweatt, cutting	33.20	
L. E. Eisenhaur, labor and stock	11.55	
W. T. Chandler, care	55.10	
J. H. Royce, cart body	5.00	
		$263.91

Town Roads

John T. Silver's District

J. T. Silver and team	$380.91
Fred Silver and team	40.05
George Dunbar and team	50.32
I. Champagne and team	53.25

Shirley Folsom and team	4.00
J. T. Moore and team	16.00
L. P. Fisher and team	48.00
J. Colby's team	2.00
C. L. Silver and team	21.09
J. H. Hilborn	31.98
G. Hillman	60.56
Guy Foster	5.25
Vernon Silver	26.00
Frank Dow	30.00
Willie Silver	8.00
J. Laramie	31.78
V. Knowlton	4.75
Arthur Flanders	4.89
Leslie Knowlton	37.81
M. Casper	2.00
Mr. Lund	57.11
Guy Palmer	18.00
Charles Moody	17.45
E. Griffin, labor and gravel	4.30
A. K. Flanders	1.00
Lawrence Silver	24.00
Herbert Knowlton	21.66
P. Whiting, gravel	4.20
James Colby, gravel	5.60
George Dunbar, gravel	.40
3 shovels	4.80
Bolts and repairs on roller	1.50
Blacksmith work	2.60
	$1,021.26

N. M. Flagg's District

N. M. Flagg	$190.66
J. T. Moore and payroll	59.22
Edward Webster and payroll	79.33

Algie Flanders	23.30	
Wm. G. Goodhue	7.18	
Frank L. Gerrish	4.66	
Wm. B. Flint, labor and gravel	34.95	
Arthur Flanders	8.95	
Merrimack County Farm	10.50	
Herman Howe	1.50	
William Holmes	13.40	
Joseph Carter	8.00	
George Keneval	4.00	
Al Flanders	15.80	
Ralph Pillsbury	10.40	
Harry Prince	16.00	
George Raymond	18.80	
——Foss	16.00	
——Paul	2.00	
Frank Folsom and payroll	94.75	
Austin Langley	2.00	
George Dyer	2.00	
Walter Eastman	5.72	
C. H. Babb	4.25	
Arthur Folsom	29.22	
Lester Couch	32.74	
Thompson & Hoague	16.00	
H. W. Carter & Co.	1.66	
Fred James	1.00	
F. & F. Co.,	.25	
Edward Webster and payroll	12.30	
		$726.54

A. E. Sweatt's District

A. E. Sweatt and team	$1,507.54
E. Sargent	122.83
Milton	118.51

Jerry	91.64
Rule	28.08
Bailey	3.75
Dubee	60.01
Duparant	1.17
Cooper	18.68
R. Sweatt	3.50
A. George	21.75
Gerard	15.27
Coyea	1.95
R. Hoyt	194.08
Champagne	19.00
Lessard	4.00
Ham	4.00
W. E. Sweatt and team	174.89
Preve	4.00
Roy	4.00
J. Bessette	9.17
F. E. Williams and team	105.35
H. Brown	109.78
Osier	10.09
Henry	2.00
Clark	74.24
Brockway	12.00
Merchant	88.45
C. P.	1.95
Chase	1.95
Jordan	3.95
Littlefield	24.80
Ducat	8.17
J. Bennett	1.00
Ed Morse	10.06
Schmilt	1.75
M. Levallee	15.45
C. Dunklee	120.49
L. Keenan	11.11
O'Clair	50.22

Boltwood	113.00
J. Wooley	1.00
Stone	56.00
Dames	8.00
Paul Felix	4.00
W. York	11.11
Hall	8.00
J. Stone	14.00
Sleeper	2.50
J. Gebo	9.11
Laundry	12.00
Sodastrom	28.46
Brooks	27.50
C. Wiggin	20.00
B. Holt	17.52
H. Grey	3.00
J. Mosse	37.59
Ketchum	10.00
Cousin	4.45
Roberts	2.00
Cowley	2.00
Expense of bridge by ox barn	62.62
2 snowplows	6.00
Tools	6.18
Repairs on road machine	1.50
Rake and oil	1.09
Mrs. Wadleigh, grade	19.05
Oil	1.10
Repairs, George Fairbanks	1.10
	$3,550.51

Street Lighting and Sprinkling

Penacook Precinct

George A. Morse, Tr., appropriation	950.00

Town Lighting

Concord Electric Co.	155.22	
Edward Webster, lamp	12.00	
		$1,117.20

General Expenses and Watering Troughs

Guy D. Brockway, Tr.	47.00	
Charles Jones, 1917-8-19-20	12.00	
Charles Barnett, trough	12.50	
		$71.50

Library

Brockway, care of books	$8.33	
A. K. Flanders, supplies on pipe	1.00	
Buxton & Sherburne, insurance	12.75	
M. S. Roby, sawing wood	7.50	
Fred James, wood	40.00	
W. B. Ranney, printing	12.00	
Edward Webster, appropriation	200.00	
Eliza J. Bent, librarian	100.00	
D. P. Webster, conveying books	65.00	
		$446.58

Charities

Town Poor

Merrimack Co. Farm, aid to Benj. C. Hall	96.07	
Elmer S. Ellsworth, wood for Mrs. Jos. Bessette	13.00	
		$109.07

County Poor

E. L. Davis, wood for Mrs. Bessette	18.25	
Napoleon Boutin, aid Mrs. Bessette	3.75	
Mrs. Jos. Stoneham, aid Mrs. Chas. Babb	12.00	
Brockway, aid Mrs. Ayott	103.16	
Brockway, aid Mrs. White	2.48	
Harry Gray, aid Mrs. Babb	5.00	
Harry Gray, aid Mrs. Doherty	3.00	
Joseph Carter, aid Mrs. Babb	2.00	
L. M. Sweet, aid Mrs. Ayott	20.23	
Brockway, aid Mrs. Ayott	47.38	
L. M. Sweet, aid Mrs. Ayott	21.12	
L. M. Sweet, aid Mrs. Mike Lavallee	4.94	
W. H. Fowler, agt., aid Mrs. Lavallee	10.00	
L. M. Sweet, aid Mrs. Lavallee	27.10	
L. M. Sweet, aid Mrs. Ayott	49.73	
Harry Gray, aid Mike Lavallee	5.00	
Mrs. Lavallee, board	5.00	
L. M. Sweet, aid Mrs. Ayott	6.04	
Mrs. Lavallee, board	6.67	
Mrs. Lavallee, board	6.65	
Mrs. Lavallee, board	6.45	
		$365.95

Patriotic Purposes

Memorial Day Exercises	
J. E. Symonds	$25.00

Recreation—Old Home Day

Elmer Ellsworth, sawing lumber for platform	12.44	
Nevers Band	52.00	
W. B. Ranney, printing	2.35	
		$66.79

Aid to Soldiers and Their Family

F. H. Blanchard, aid to Mrs. Chas. Russell		$10.40

Public Service Enterprise—Cemeteries

Eben H. Hardy, mowing Beaverdam cemetery	4.63	
W. B. Flint, care of Plain cemetery	8.00	
		$12.63

Unclassified

Damages and Legal Expenses

Martin & Howe, expense in Davis boy bill contracted 1919	166.70	
W. G. Buxton, retainer fee	10.00	
Fred Silver, land damage	4.00	
H. W. Carter, auto permits	24.25	
J. W. Plummer, rebate on poll taxes	302.00	
John Weir's highway tax, 1917-181920	26.00	
		$532.95

Planting Trees

Fred James, payroll	70.26	
N. H. Forestry	64.00	
Daniel and W. B. Flint	16.00	
		$150.26

Interest on Long Term Notes

Caroline Emerson	6.38	
W. G. Buxton	90.00	
		$96.38

Interest—Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes

Mechanicks National Bank	26.75

Paid on Principal of Trust Funds

F. L. Gerrish for trustees	$80.00

Indebtedness—Payments on Temporary Loans

Mechanicks National Bank	$1500.00

Payment on Long Term Notes

Caroline Emerson	850.00	
		$2350.00

Payment to Other Governmental Divisions

State Tax

John W. Plummer, Tr.	$3,672.00

County Tax

Warren Abbott, Tr.	$1,742.29

School Districts

Penacook Schools, Ernest Cross., Tr.

Amount appropriated	$5,918.79	
Dog licenses	44.40	
		$5,963.19

Town District, Edward Webster, Tr.

Amount raised	$3,241.33	
Dog licenses	44.40	
		$3,285.73

BOSCAWEN MUNICIPAL COURT

Received for fines and costs, and bail forfeited from February 1, 1920 to January 31, 1921		$219.22

Payments

Officers and witness fees	$29.42	
Services of Special Justice in three cases	9.00	
State of New Hampshire, auto fines	101.80	
William B. Ranney, Treas.	79.00	
		$219.22

Complaints

Drunkenness	1
Assault	3
Operating an automobile at a speed greater than was reasonable and proper	9
	13

Number paying fines and costs	11
Number who forfeited bail	1
Number committeed to House of Correction	1
	13

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIS G. BUXTON,
Justice and Clerk.

TRUST FUNDS REPORT

Receipts

Cemetery:		
Cash on hand	$4.25	
From town interest	76.00	
Interest on bonds	8.50	
		$88.75

Expenditures

Paid W. B. Flint, care of		
Abial Chandler lot	$4.00	
James H. Gill lot	5.00	
Sarah A. Webber lot	5.00	
Andrew J. Taylor lot	2.00	
Mary A. Cogswell lot	5.00	
Ambrose Smith lot	3.00	
Samuel B. G. Corser lot	4.00	
Francis S. French lot	3.00	
Rachel Fox lot	2.00	
Daniel Flint lot	2.00	
Helen Plummer lot	7.00	
John E. Rines lot	14.50	
David Goodhue lot	2.00	
James V. Smith lot	3.00	
Austin Kimball lot	2.00	
Joseph H. Clough lot	4.00	
Nancy Symonds lot	3.00	
Putney & Gill lot	4.00	
David Kimball lot	4.25	
Frank W. Hale, care of Abigail Hale lot	2.00	80.75
Cash on hand		$8.00

Library

Receipts

Rent of land from bequest of Mrs. Benj. Kimball	$20.00	
Town of Boscawen, interest	4.00	
		$24.00

Expenditures

Paid Edward Webster, for library	$24.00

Respectfully submitted,

ALMON G. HARRIS,
F. L. GERRISH,
W. G. BUXTON,
Trustees of Trust Funds.

AUDITORS' REPORT

The undersigned auditors of accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year 1920-21, report that they have examined the accounts and find the receipts and cash on hand to have been $40,657.73 from Jan. 31, 1920 to Jan. 31, 1921, and disbursements paid on orders by the Selectmen from 275 to 562 inclusive, amounts to $36,274.95, all of which are properly vouched and correctly cast.

We have also examined the report of the Trust Funds and Municipal Court and find the same correct.

CECIL P. GRIMES,
FRED B. HOLT,
Auditors.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF BOSCAWEN, JAN. 31, 1921.

Date of Creation	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amt. of Principal	Rate of Int.	Bal. of Inc. Begin Yr.	Income Dur. Yr.	Expended Dur. Yr.	Bal. of Inc. End of Yr.
1889	Abial Chandler fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	100	4%	.04	4.00	4.00	.04
1890	James H. Gill fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	100	4%	12.03	4.48	5.00	11.51
1898	Sarah A. Webber fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	100	4%	7.37	4.28	5.00	6.65
1900	Andrew J. Taylor fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	50	4%	.48	2.00	2.00	.48
1901	Mary H. Cogswell fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	100	4%	3.75	4.12	5.00	2.87
1903	Ambrose Smith fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	75	4%	.48	3.00	3.00	.48
1904	Samuel B. G. Corser fund, for care of Cemetery lot...	Note of Town.....	100	4%	.23	4.00	4.00	.23
1906	Francis S. French fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	75	4%	.11	3.00	3.00	.11
1907	Rachel Fox fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	50	4%	.00	2.00	2.00	.00
1908	Daniel Flint fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	50	4%	.00	2.00	2.00	.00
1908	Helen Plummer fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	200	4%	13.34	8.52	7.00	14.86
1909	John E. Rines fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	1000	4%	213.08	48.52	14.50	247.10
1909	David Goodhue fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	50	4%	.00	2.00	2.00	.00
1910	James V. Smith fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	75	4%	.00	3.00	3.00	.00
1911	Abigail Hale fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	50	4%	2.00	2.08	2.00	2.08
1912	Austin Kimball fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	50	4%	1.16	2.04	2.00	1.20
1915	Joseph H. Clough fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	100	4%	.43	4.00	4.00	.93
1916	Nancy Symonds fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	75	4%	.00	3.00	3.00	.00
1916	Putney & Gill fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	100	4%	.00	4.00	4.00	.00
1918	David F. Kimball fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	2-$100 Liberty Bonds	200	4¼%	4.25	8.50	4.25	8.50
1920	Hale Chadwick fund, for care of Cemetery lot.....	Note of Town.....	50	4%	.00	1.00	.00	1.00
1913	Mrs. Benjamin Kimball fund, for Library.....	Land			.00	20.00	20.00	.00
1915	Mrs. John Kimball fund, for Library.....	Note of Town.....	100	4%	.00	4.00	4.00	.00

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TOWN LIBRARY

The past year has been one of the hardest in our experience to get books. They have been expensive and in many cases not obtainable even at the increased cost.

Your board asked for funds to have a new catalogue which is much needed, but owing to the high cost of paper and printing it has seemed advisable to wait another year.

Among the additions to the library this year is a complete bound set of the Granite Monthly from its beginning to 1920, the gift of Mrs. John Kimball. It is a most valuable acquisition containing a great number of articles nowhere else to be found in print and all of historic and biographical value together with much interesting reading.

Our circulation has not been quite as large as in some of the past years, but we have reason to feel that our lbirary is being used to advantage as we rank high for the size of our town in number of books taken out during the year compared with other libraries in the state.

Whole number of books loaned	7,525
Number of books repaired	2,775

Financial Statement

Cash on hand April 1	$84.15	
Rec'd from town	200.00	
Trust funds	24.00	
Fines	2.80	
		$310.95

Paid for books	$82.85	
Freight	.59	
Catalogueing and cards	7.50	
Magazines	2.00	
Paper	2.50	
Supplies	2.88	
Bal. cash on hand	212.63	
		$310.95

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK L. GERRISH,
EDWARD WEBSTER,
Trustees.

BOSCAWEN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Directory

Corrected to Feb. 1, 1921.

School Board

Marion S. Flanders	Term expires March 1921
Ralph Pillsbury, Chairman	Term expires March 1922
Mary K. Colby	Term expires March 1923

George W. Sumner, Secretary.

Regular meetings on the fourth Monday of each calendar month at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

District Officers

William G. Goodhue, Moderator.
Edward Webster, Treasurer.
Frank L. Gerrish, Clerk.
Harry W. Carter, James Dadmun, Auditors.

Superintendent of Schools

George W. Sumner

Office in Penacook at Main Street School, rear entrance. The office is open on all school days from 8.00 to 1.00 and from 2.30 to 5.00; on Saturdays from 9 to 12.00. Appointments for conferences with the Superintendent can be made through the Secretary. New England 'Phone 15-11. Charlotte H. Fitts, Superintendent's Secretary.

Truant Officer

Joseph F. Stoneham

Teachers

Mildred Cheney	Plains Grammar
Gracia C. Henderson	Plains Primary
Bessie H. Flagg	Water Street

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

To the Voters in Boscawen Town School District:

The need of a foreword in our annual report is small as each individual in town has his or her own opinion of the schools and their workings.

There is however, the question of superintendency that is more or less a subject of controversy. In regard to this matter, it may be well to call your attention to the amount of detail work the superintendent is obliged to do. This work could not be done by the school board as the amount of time required to perform these duties is more than any member could afford; at even three times the present salary.

It is useless to assert that the school board is satisfied with the present supervisory system, the supervisory district being too large for satisfactory work. We wish we could have more of the superintendent's time. At present this condition cannot be remedied and is absolutely no fault of the superintendent but of the system.

From the financial point of view, Boscawen can only be ardent supporters of the present law as we received from the state last year in state aid and rebates over $2000.00 and we anticipate nearly $3000.00 for the present year. These sums would have to be raised by our own tax payers under former laws.

As a whole, the schools from the educational stand point have been quite satisfactory. The especially favorable weather has made possible a better attendance than last year. We urge parents to do all within their power towards regular attendance of scholars.

We submit the following financial report prepared in the superintendent's office:

RECEIPTS—Sept 1, 1919 to Aug. 31. 1920

From State:		
For qualified teachers (from Selectmen)	$206.80	
High School tuition rebate (from Selectmen)	529.20	
Equalization (state aid)	1,521.17	
		$2,257.17
From the Selectmen Raised by Taxation:		
For support of elementary schools	718.83	
Deficiency appropriation, (1920 school meeting)	500.00	
Salaries of dist. officers, including truant officer	77.50	
Interest on district debt	45.00	
Per capita tax	128.00	
		$1,469.33
From Sources other than Taxation:		
Dog licenses (from Selectmen)	26.80	
Elementary School tuitions	41.00	
High School tuition (rebate from Penacook)	7.50	
Income from local trust funds	100.00	
Proceeds of notes or bonds: money borrowed	497.50	672.80
Total receipts from all sources		$4,399.30
Total cash on hand September 1, 1919		747.03
Grand total		$5,146.33

PAYMENTS—Sept. 1, 1919 to Aug. 31, 1920

Administration:

Salaries of District Officers	$70.00	
Superintendent's excess salary	75.00	
Truant officer and school census	8.29	
Other expenses of administration	121.39	
		$274.68

Instruction:

Principals' and Teachers' salaries	1,690.00	
Textbooks	82.20	
Scholars' supplies	25.36	
Other expenses of instruction	9.47	
		$1,807.03

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:

Janitor service	198.00	
Fuel	175.14	
Water, light and janitor's supplies	30.02	
Minor repairs and expenses	80.90	
		$484.06

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:

Medical inspection	20.00	
Transportation of pupils	750.00	
High School and Academy tuition	767.00	
Elementary school tuition	54.00	
		$1,591.00

Fixed Charges:		
Insurance		$40.00
Outlay for Construction and Equipment:		
Alterations of old buildings	73.66	
New equipment	4.15	
		$77.81
Debt, Interest, and Other Charges:		
Payments on prin. of debt, temp. loan	497.50	
Payments of interest on debt	52.50	
Tax for supervision ($2 per pupil)	140.00	
Last year's bills	10.00	
		$700.00
Total payments for all purposes		$4,974.58
Total cash on hand Aug. 31, 1920		171.75
Grand Total		$5,146.33

PAYMENTS IN DETAIL

Salaries of District Officers

Bessie H. Flagg	$11.66	
Marion S. Flanders	20.00	
Ralph W. Pillsbury	20.00	
Edward Webster	10.00	
Mary K. Colby	8.34	
		$70.00

Superintendent's Excess Salary

George E. Wiggin, Treasurer	$75.00

Truant Officer and School Census

R. E. Lane, enumeration cards	$ .79	
Joseph E. Stoneham, salary	7.50	
		$8.29

Other Expenses of Administration

Charlotte Fitts, clerical w'k, salary 10 mos	75.00	
The News-Letter Press, order books	7.50	
R. E. Lane, rubber stamps	.85	
Edward Webster, blank book, envelopes, and postage	2.91	
Edson C. Eastmán Co., account books	13.50	
Penacook Union School District:		
Phone tolls	.40	
Share towards office maintenance	14.99	
Geo. W. Sumner, phone tolls, carfare, etc.	4.05	
Macmillan Co., books	2.19	
		$121.39

Principals' and Teachers' Salaries

Marion K. Wilson	$600.00	
Helen Barrett	550.00	
Mattie L. Reardon	480.00	
Alla J. Carter, substitute	60.00	
		$1,690.00

Textbooks

Houghton Mifflin Co.	$6.69
D. C. Heath & Co.,	1.67
American Book Co.	10.53
The Macmillan Co.	24.75
Little, Brown & Co.	6.80

The A. S. Barnes Co.	2.07	
E. E. Babb & Co.	9.49	
Ginn and Co.	10.98	
Silver Burdett Co.	9.22	
		$82.20

Scholars' Supplies

Penacook Union School District		$25.36

Other Expenses of Instruction

The A. S. Barnes Co.	$2.95	
E. E. Babb & Co.	6.00	
Penacook Union School District	.52	
		$9.47

Janitor Service

Joseph Stoneham	$180.00	
Lawrence Silver	18.00	
		$198.00

Fuel

Edward Webster, coal and kindling	$153.94	
Ralph W. Pillsbury, wood	14.00	
Albert Hardy and E. Champagne, sawing wood	3.20	
Theodore Houston, shoveling coal	2.50	
Harlie Silver, sawing wood	1.50	
		$175.14

Water, Light and Janitor Supplies

H. W. Carter, dustbane	.60	
Penacook and Bos. Water Precinct, water	20.00	

Fred James, dustbane, toilet paper, broom, etc.	3.40	
Penacook Union School Dist., toilet paper	1.02	
U. S. Paper Mills, paper towels	5.00	
		$30.02

Minor Repairs and Expenses

H. W. Carter Co., hardware	2.66	
Edward E. Babb & Co., waste basket	1.92	
D. Warren Fox, hardware	8.94	
Mattie Reardon, pupils cleaning up yard	4.50	
James I. Dadmun, cleaning clock	1.50	
Fred James, hardware	7.85	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, waste basket	1.50	
Geo. F. Brown, labor Plains $3; labor Water St $7.80	10.80	
Penacook Union School Dist., thermometer	.65	
George L. Small, labor and stock	35.55	
Ralph W. Pillsbury, cash paid, grading yard	.50	
Fred Silver, labor at Water Street	2.50	
C. M. & A. W. Rolfe, lumber	2.03	
		$80.90

Medical Inspection

A. C. Alexander		$20.00

Transportation of Pupils

Bessie Raymond	148.00	
Harry W. Carter	170.50	
Mattie Reardon	98.00	
Bessie Hanson	210.00	
Edgar Hannaford	16.00	
Herbert Knowlton	50.00	
George B. Colby	57.50	
		750.00

High School and Academy Tuition

Union School District, Concord	275.00	
Geo. L. Plimpton, Tr., Tilton Seminary	74.00	
School District, Franklin	133.00	
Penacook Union School District	285.00	
		$767.00

Elementary School Tuition

Salisbury School District	$54.00

Insurance

Buxton & Sherburne, Plains & Water St.	$40.00

Alterations of Old Buildings

Fred Williams, mason work	22.17	
D. Warren Fox, hardware	2.04	
Geo. F. Brown, labor, paint & lumber	49.45	
		$73.66

New Equipment

D. Warren Fox, tub for mixing chemical	1.90	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, paper towel h'ld's	2.25	
		$4.15

Payment on Principal of Debt

N. H. State Capital Bank, note	$497.50

Payments of Interest on Debt

Howard Holmes	25.00	
Fred Holmes	25.00	
New Hampshire State Capital Bank	2.50	
		$52.50

Tax for Supervision

John W. Plummer, State Treasurer	$140.00

Last Year's Bills

Penacook & Boscawen Water Precinct	$10.00

RECEIPTS
FOR FIVE MONTHS OF CURRENT YEAR

Sept. 1, 1920 to January 31, 1921

From State:		
High School tuition rebate		$759.50
From Selectmen Raised by Taxation:		
For support of elementary schools ($5 tax)	1,718.83	
High school and academy tuition	100.00	
Salaries of dist. officers, including truant officer	77.50	
For administration & other purposes	150.00	
On district debt	500.00	
Interest on debt	45.00	
Per capita tax ($2 per pupil)	150.00	
		$2,741.33
From Sources Other than Taxation:		
Dog licenses (from Selectmen)		$44.40
Total receipts from all sources		$3545.23
Total cash on hand Sept. 1, 1920		171.75
Grand total		$3,716.98

PAYMENTS FOR FIVE MONTHS OF CURRENT YEAR

Sept. 1, 1920 to January 31, 1921

Administration:

Superintendent's excess salary	$120.00	
Truant Officer & School census	.78	
Other expenses of administration	53.41	
		$174.19

Instruction:

Principals' and teachers' salaries	1,262.36	
Textbooks	56.65	
Scholars' supplies	13.97	
Flags and appurtenances	3.31	
Other expenses of instruction	.54	
		$1,336.83

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:

Janitor service	104.50	
Fuel	320.98	
Water, light and janitors' supplies	40.76	
Minor repairs and other expenses of operation & maintenance	158.88	
		$625.12

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:

Transportation of pupils	396.06	
High School and Academy Tuition	419.00	
		$815.06

Outlay for Construction and Equipment:

Lands and new buildings	$20.00

Debt, Interest and Other Charges:		
Payments on princpial of debt	500.00	
Payments of interest on debt	40.00	
Tax for state-wide supervision	140.00	
Payments of notes or bills from previous year	4.00	
		$684.00
Total payments for all purposes		$3,655.20
Total cash on hand January 31, 1921		61.78
Grand total		$3,716.98

MONEY NEEDED FOR THE BALANCE OF CURRENT YEAR

A careful estimate of the financial needs of the district for the remainder of the current year shows that there will be a deficit of approximately $500.00.

Voters who were present at the last annual meeting will remember that the district raised $150 less than the amount recommended by the school board.

It was voted by the district that the school board continue present transportation routes even if the rules of the state board of education made it impossible to secure state aid on some of them.

From the total amount of state aid for which the school board made application in September, about $350 failed of approval, a part of this amount being deducted on the transportation account. This cut of $350 together with the $150 deducted at the district meeting, is the cause of the above deficit.

In view of this deficit which we have estimated as carefully as can be done at this time, we recommend that the district raise $500 for continuing the schools for the remainder of the present year, and that the school board be authorized to borrow this sum in anticipation of taxes.

MONEY NEEDED FOR THE COMING YEAR.

After one year's experience under the new school law it will be evident to every voter without any persuasion from us that the welfare of the district requires that we comply with the requirments and apply for state aid. We therefore recommend that the district raise a tax of $5 on $1,000 valuation for the support of elementary schools (including textbooks, supplies and flags.)

In addition to this $5 tax we shall need:

For High School and Academy tuition	$100.00
For Interest on the notes of the district	$22.50
Tax for State-wide supervision ($2 per pupil)	150.00

The law provides that the salaries of the School Board, the District Officers, and the Truant Officer, be fixed by vote of the district.

We recommend that the district raise for payment on the principal of the debt, $500, which will leave us entirely out of debt.

For all other purposes, including other expenses of administration, we recommend that $300 be raised.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH W. PILLSBURY,
MARION S. FLANDERS,
MARY K. COLBY,
School Board.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens :

During the year the superintendent's work in the union has become better organized, the needs of the schools are better understood, and, in some cases, have been better supplied. There is still a scarcity of good teachers, and in some towns of the union it has been very difficult to secure them. It seems reasonable to hope that those towns willing to pay salaries comparable to what other towns in similar circumstances pay, where good homes can be obtained, and pleasant, well-equipped schoolhouses furnished, will be able in a few years to make satisfactory progress toward a well-qualified, efficient, and somewhat permanent teaching force.

The school boards in all five districts of the union have now adopted the Uniform Accounting System devised by the State Tax Commission and prescribed by the State Board of Education and have this year arranged to have all their bookkeeping done in this office. The superintendent's secretary has charge of this work, but a considerable amount of it is acutally done by the senior class in Commerce of Penacook High School.

The first draft of the financial report for each of the five districts was made by the secretary and the pupils using the Annual Report to the State Tax Commission as a basis. This draft, corrected by the superintendent and rewritten, was then presented to the school board, amended by them to meet their own requirements, and returned to the secretary to be put into final form for printing.

The directing of this work has taken more of my time during February than could be properly given to such work every year, but it is hoped that the form of this report will meet the requirements of both state and

district accounting to such a degree that it can be used as a pattern for several years to come.

I am informed that some of your citizens object to paying any portion of the salary of the superintendent's secretary. If they could visit the office and go over with me the work being done there, I am certain that some of them would see the need of her services. As bookkeeper for the five districts, she records transactions amounting annually to more than $50,000, with an entirely separate system of accounting for each of the five districts. All the books and scholars' supplies, to the value of over $2500, are ordered at this office, and received, unpacked and checked here, and from here distributed to the various schools, the supplies being purchased in a lump by the Penacook district and sold at cost to the four other towns. The first drafts of most of the reports required by the State Departments are prepared here. None of this work can be neglected and none can be done carelessly. This, together with handling the correspondence with state officials, teachers, school boards, school officials and parents, and keeping the records of pupils, is enough to keep one person busy. Come in and convince yourself that the work done for Boscawen is worth the $90 it is costing you. Office rent, heat, light, furniture and equipment, are all provided by Penacook free of charge.

In this connection the following statement from the figures of last year may be of interest:

Proportion of State Tax paid by Boscawen for Education		$940.68
Town district's share of above tax(estimated at 40%)	$376.27	
Tax for State-wide supervision	140.00	
Share of excess salary of Supt.	75.00	
Share of salary of Supt. secretary	75.00	
Total Paid by Town District		$666.27

Boscawen Town Dist. received State Aid $1,521.17

This means that under the present law, Boscawen last year received the services of the superintendent and secretary free, and in addition, a balance of $854.90 to put into its schools. It is to be noted further, that a part of this district's share of the $376.27 state tax went toward the fund from which state aid for qualified teachers, and high school tuition rebates were paid. This district received $206.80 for qualified teachers and $529.80 for high school tuition rebate. Aid for qualified teachers is no longer given but the high school tuition rebate is much larger for the current year and unless the legislature now in session changes the law. you will this year receive a considerably larger sum in state aid, much more than balancing the small increase in payments.

Teachers

Every school in the district started in the Fall term with new teachers. While this is the first change in a number of years at Water Street, the Plains school has been changing teachers nearly every year for some time. The fact that most of these teachers have gone to better positions would indicate that their quality was at least comparatively good and that the district has been a loser by these frequent changes. Judging by my observation as superintendent for the past two years and my knowledge of the qualification of pupils in Penacook High School from your district for a much longer period, it has seemed to me that public sentiment in Boscawen has found it somewhat easier to find the faults in its teachers than to discover their good qualities.

It is certainly important to offer sufficient inducements to secure the best teachers which we can afford. It is equally important for the community, and especially the parents, to stand behind their teachers, and that

teachers and parents should work in harmony during a tenure not shorter than three or four years.

Plains Building and Discipline

The district has spent a considerable sum recently in improving the Plains School building as to sanitation and heating. The school rooms however, have not as yet been made attractive places to live in for six hours a day and they are often dark and dismal. If familiarity with them makes any parent fail to realize this, I would suggest to you the experiment that I have tried myself: when you have out-of-town guests in your home, take them with you to the school rooms and get their first impressions.

The building during the past year or two has sustained damage in many small ways which in the aggregate is considerable. In fairness, the blame for this should be distributed rather widely. The children themselves are to blame for a certain amount of malicious destruction and have betrayed a carelessness in the use of public property which is deplorable, a spirit which must be combatted by the homes and the community as well as by the schools. The school board, I am sure, will not hesitate to admit their own share of blame in not protecting the basement windows properly. The superintendent and the teachers must take such share as is their due from lack of attention to details until too late.

In this connection I would call your attention more definitely than in my report of two years ago, to the way the arrangement of the school building hinders discipline. It will almost always be true that the building principal will be the teacher hired to teach the older pupils. Her room ought to be located where she has easy access to all places where disorder is likely to occur. The foot of the stairways, the head of the basement stairs, the outside door, are strategic points. It is a "long, long trail" and a "winding" one from the

upstairs school room to the toilets. The principal should be on the first floor. The present winding stairways are not suitable for children of any age, they would perhaps be unsafe for the careless feet of the youngest children; but I believe that a small change in the stairs would make it possible to put the lower grades on the second floor and place the principal in the lower room where eyes and ears and ease of reaching every part of the building would aid her in maintaining the sort of discipline you expect from her.

I occasionally note the tendency in individual citizens, even school board members, to feel that the state has now taken over the education of its children and that local interest is no longer important. The state sets minimum standards, it is true, as to buildings, equipment, teachers, and curriculum, but it is still the privilege and the duty of the individual district or its school board to determine, within these standards, what type of buildings, teachers, and what courses of study it wishes to provide. State supervision and state aid can do much to improve the educational standard, but centralization of authority combined with any general lack of local interest is bound to produce a uniform and monotonous mediocrity. A uniform system for accounting or for any other mechanical operation tends towards ease and efficiency, but God forbid that we should ever drift into lazy methods of uniformity in handling and in educating the infinite variety of live boys and girls in our public schools. This is a time for local interest to increase, for intelligent helpful criticism to assert itself and for electing to the school board, men and women with qualifications for strong leadership.

Respectfully,

GEORGE W. SUMNER

ATTENDANCE TABLE FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING AUG. 31, 1920

Schools	Length of school in weeks	Whole No. of different pupils registered			Average daily attendance	Average daily absence	Average membership	Per cent, of attendance	No. of cases tardiness	No. of cases dismissal	No. of visits by superintendent	No. of visits by School Board	No. of visits by others	No. of pupils not absent or tardy
		Total	Boys	Girls										
Plains Grammar	36	17	12	5	14	2	16	87	69	23	12	8	72	0
Plains Primary	36	23	11	12	18	2	20	90	38	9	12	8	70	0
Water Street	36	12	9	3	10	1	11	91	16	24	8	0	44	1
Entire District	36	52	32	20	42	5	47	89	123	56	32	16	186	1

ROLL OF HONOR

Pupils not absent or tardy for the school year ending August 31, 1920.

Water Street School Irving Champagne

GRADUATES FROM EIGHTH GRADE, 1920

Robert C. Blake Ina P. Dyer
Lawrence L. Silver

PUPILS ATTENDING SECONDARY SCHOOLS, FALL 1920

Concord High School

Donald Hale, Class of 1924
Eldon Hardy, Class of 1924
Harold Hardy, Class of 1924
Robert Pillsbury, Class of 1924

Franklin High School

Lillian Griffin, Class of 1921
Lewis McKerley, Class of 1921

Penacook High School

John Blake, Class of 1922
Robert Blake, Class of 1924
Iyla Hanson, Class of 1922
Frances Houston, Class of 1922
Theodore Houston, Class of 1922
Dorothy Moore, Class of 1923
Caryl Scribner, Class of 1923

St. Mary's School

Elizabeth Clay, Class of 1922

Tilton Seminary

Thelma Fisher, Class of 1921

PUPILS ATTENDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS OUTSIDE DISTRIST, FALL 1920

Salisbury School District

James Ham Ethel Ham Herman Ham

SCHOOL CENSUS, SEPTEMBER, 1920

No. of children between 5 and 16 years old: boys, 38; girls, 22; total		60
No. between 5 and 8 not attending school	9	
No. enumerated attending high school or academy outside the district	6	
No. enumerated attending elementary schools outside the district	4	
No. between 5 and 16 registered in schools of the district Sept. 30, 1920	45	
		64
No. of pupils attending school who live in other towns		4
		60

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Winter term of 11 weeks opened	Monday, Jan. 3, 1921
Winter term closes	Friday Mar. 18, 1921
Vacation three weeks	
Spring term of 10 weeks opens	Monday, Apr. 11, 1921
Spring term closes	Friday, June 17, 1921
Summer vacation	
Fall term of 15 weeks opens	Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1921
Fall term closes	Friday, Dec. 16, 1921
Vacation two weeks	
Winter term of 11 weeks opens	Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1922
Winter term closes	Friday, Mar. 17, 1922
Vacation three weeks	
Spring term of 10 weeks opens	Monday, Apr. 10, 1922
Spring term closes	Friday, June 16, 1922
Summer vacation	

BOSCAWEN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, TREASURER'S REPORT

Report school year—Sept. 1, 1919 to Aug. 31, 1920.

Receipts

Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1919	$747.03	
From town treasurer	1,469.33	
State	736.00	
Dog tax	26.80	
State Aid	1,521.17	
Canterbury tuition	41.00	
Penacook Union School District rebate	7.50	
Academy fund	100.00	
Note National State Capital Bank	497.50	
		$5,146.33

Payments

Note National State Capital Bank	$500.00	
Orders 1 to 154..	4,474.58	
Cash on hand August 31, 1920	171.75	
		$5,146.33

Tuttle Fund and interest $256.29

The treasurer's account is kept in a cash book, the form for which is demanded by the State and no place is allowed for the statement for what an order is drawn so that items for which orders are drawn must come from the school board.

EDWARD WEBSTER, Treasurer

AUDITORS' REPORT

The undersigned hereby certify we have examined the book and accounts of Edward Webster, Treasurer of Boscawen Town School District from September 1st, 1919 to August 31st, 1920, and found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HARRY W. CARTER,
JAMES I. DADMUN,
Auditors.

Births Registered in the Town of Boscawen for the Year Ending December 31, 1920

Date		Name of Child	Sex	Living or still born	No child, 1st 2d etc	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan.	21	Justine Lucina	F	L	4	W	Ralph Pillsbury	Myrtle Willey	Boscawen	Printer	Boscawen	Norwich, Vt.
Jan.	22	Robert	M	L	3	W	Rob't K. Jones	Caroline Downe	Boscawen	Elec. worker	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Quincy, Mass.
Feb.	20	Lillian	F	L	1	W	Geo. L. LaFlam	Laurine Roy	Boscawen	R. R. shop	Belmont	Canada
Mar.	13	Virginia	F	L	2	W	Edward York	Anna Fournier	Boscawen	Block signal	Boscawen	Boscawen
Mar.	26	Norma	F	L	1	W	Henry Ketchum	Eva Theberg	Boscawen	Block signal	Boscawen	
Mar.	28	Arlean	F	L	1	W	I. Champaigne	Alfreda Ayotte	Boscawen	Farmer	Canada	Manchester
Apr.	2	Margarett	F	L	5	W	James E. Lynch	Edith Nute	Boscawen	Drug clerk		
May	23		F	L	2	W	Arthur Bailey	Ida E. Webber	Boscawen	Laborer	Penacook	Bangor, Me.
May	25	Milton	M	L	11	W	Herb't Knowlton	Idella Smith	Boscawen	Printer	New London	P. E. Island
May	27	Ruth	F	L	2	W	Ernest B. Hale	Gertrude Homel	Boscawen	Mechanist	Boscawen	West Concord
June	26	Mary	F	L	6	W	Eugene Vezina	Laudina LaBlanc	Boscawen	Prov. clerk	Canada	Suncook
July	8	Robert	M	L	2	W	Samuel Walker	Emma Larena	Boscawen	Millwright	Canada	Canada
July	14		F	L	7	W	Leon Garland	Stella Boyce	Boscawen	Saw filer	Sandwich	Franklin
July	22	Clarence	M	L	1	W	Ralph E. Colby	Ethel Brockway	Boscawen	Laborer	Boscawen	Boscawen
July	26	George	M	L	2	W	Patrick Dukett	Alma Cameron	Boscawen	Laborer	Plattsburg, N. Y.	New York
July	27	Daisy	F	L	4	W	Henry E. Cook	Ella M. Clapper	Boscawen	R. R. boss	Thornton	Swanton, Vt.
Aug.	1		F	L	3	W	Jerry E. Gibbs	Eva LaCare	Boscawen	Stone worker	Andover, Mass.	Boscawen
Aug.	21	Robert	M	L	3	W	Alfred Pepler	Harriett Daniels	Boscawen	Farmer	Canterbury	Webster
Aug.	28	Albert	M	L	2	W	Antoine Stone	Retha Dukette	Boscawen	Wool carder	Boscawen	Plattsburg, N. Y.
Aug.	31	Mary	F	L	1	W	Daniel Gillis	Nellie Perry	Boscawen	Truckman	Canada	New Brunswick
Oct.	19		F	L	1	W	Geo. Donaghey	Perl Donaghey	Boscawen	Spinner	Lowell, Mass.	Boston, Mass.
Nov.	12		F	L	2	W	John McNeil	Dora A. Miner	Boscawen	Laborer	Sydney, N. S.	Boscawen
Dec.	4		M	L	6	W	Alfred Rule	Josephine Miller	Boscawen	Laborer	Redford, N. Y.	New York
Dec.	6		M	L	1	W	Archie Barnier	Elsie Merchant	Boscawen	Laborer	New York	Boscawen
Dec.	11	Jeanette	F	L	6	W	Henry Boudreau	Georgiana York	Boscawen	Barber	Canada	Boscawen
Dec.	13	Barbara	F	L	1	W	Guy L. Wallace	L. A. Moulton	Boscawen	Barber	Sandwich	Campton
Dec.	18	Walter	M	L	1	W	Walter Leach	Pearl Howard	Boscawen	Mechanic	Westminster, Vt.	Windhall, Vt.
Dec.	29	George	M	L	2	W	Arthur Rivet	Marie Louise	Boscawen		Suncook	France

I hereby certify that the above is correct according to my best knowledge and belief.

HARRY W. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Boscawen for the Year Ending December 31, 1920

Date	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom	Residence at time of Marriage	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married
Jan. 5	Jerry M. E. Gibbs.	Boscawen	48	Stone lumper	Andover, Mass.	T. A. Gibbs Sara Hatch	....	W. G. Buxton Justice of Peace
	Eva M. Moody	Boscawen	26	.....	Penacook	Domino LaClair Josephine Merchant	Windsor, Vt. Windsor, Vt.	Penacook
May 24	Ervin G. Kenney	Boscawen	20	Spinner	Lincoln	Peter Kenney Sarah Cara	Canada Canada	Rev. D. Desruisseau Clergyman
	Leola LaValley	Suncook	18	.....	Suncook	Edgar LaValley	Pembroke	Suncook
Sept. 4	Eugene Littlefield	Penacook	32	Electrician	Cambridge, Mass	L. A. Littlefield Margaret York	Kennebunk, Me.	Harry E. Shattuck Minister
	Olive Morrison	Boscawen	32	Tel. Operator	Boscawen	Samuel W. Morrison Bessie Weeks	Boscawen Danville, Vt.	Loudon
Oct. 20	Fred B. Sweet	Boscawen	21	Teamster	Bristol	Arthur Sweet Gertrude Sanborn	..... Hanover	David F. Dudley Justice of Peace
	Oreline Guimond	Boscawen	30	.....	Claremont	William O'Clair Melvina Sylvester	....	Concord
Oct. 30	Roy A. Whittler	Boscawen	36	Mason	Concord	Parker C. Whitler Mary Plummer	Orange Hebron	Horace B. Williams Clergyman
	Blanche Boyce	Boscawen	40	.....	Sunapee	....	....	Manchester
Nov. 3	Frank Lassonde	W. Concord	49	Blacksmith	Lewiston, Me.	Steve Lassonde Phebe Guilett	....	Rev. John Brophy Rom. Cath. Priest
	Anna Ayotte	Boscawen	47	.....	Canada	....	....	Penacook

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Deaths Registered in the Town of Boscawen for the Year Ending December 31, 1920

Date of Death		Name of Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days		Father	Mother		
Jan.	3	Esther Davis Gill.	61	11	14	Boscawen	Boscawen	Concord	Hamilton P. Gill	Lydia Ann Davis
Feb.	13	Martha Nield	75	1	26	England	.....	.....	John Howard..	.....
Mar.	14	Mary A. Elliott..	88	0	3	Concord	N. H.	N. H.	E. C. Elliott	Sarah Blaisdell.
Apr.	2	Gertrude Scribner	39	7	12	Webster	Boscawen	New Hampton ..	Thomas Gerrish	Caroline Lewis..
Apr.	13	Richard Garland..		8	11	Boscawen	Meredith	Hopkinton	Archie Garland.	.....
Apr.	14	Fred'k Peabody ..	47	2	5	Mansonville	Mansonville, Can.	Mansonville, Can	Mathew Peabody	Cynt'a Wodwa'd
May	4	Leanor Rule	1	1	1	Boscawen	N. Y.....	N. Y.	Fred Rule	.....
May	18	Cove Coute	68			Greece	Greece	Greece	.....	.....
June	13	F. L. Sweatland..	84	10	22	Lebanon	Lebanon	Sanbornton	Russ'l Sweatland	Rebekah Taylor
Feb.	28	Francis A. Chase.	75	1	29	Penacook	Penacook	Boscawen	Henry Rolfe....	Abiah Atkinson.
Nov.	5	Clayton. Palmer .		2	27	E. Concord	Sutton	Newbury	Grover C. Palmer	Blanche Muzzey.
Nov.	11	Norman Miller ..	13	5	6	Altona, N. Y....	N. Y.	N. Y.	Izare Miller....	Ida Yeal.....
Dec.	8	John F. Morrill .	70	9	23	Penacook	Henniker	Hopkinton	George Morrill..	Mary Buzzell...
Dec.	11	Lewis Dechamps .	78			Canada	.....	.....	.....	.....

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HARRY W. CARTER, Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered at the Merrimack County Farm for the Year Ending December 31, 1920

Mar.	7	Viola Peaslee	44			Concord				
Mar.	14	Pelctual Abbott ..	94			Ossipee				
Mar.	16	Ben. Hall	77			Boscawen				
Mar.	23	Alice Young	67			Hopkinton				
Mar.	29	Eliz'th Cockran .	64	5	21	Canada				
Apr.	23	Almon Boyce.....	64			Concord				
July	12	R. Jemelo.....	34			Italy				
July	20	Laura Lamore....	19	5	28	.....				
Sept.	8	Mrs. Fred Martell	42			.....				
Sept.	18	Richard Richards	72			Canada				
Sept.	21	Wm. H. Gallagher	73			.....				
Sept.	30	Isreal Hildreth....	68			Hill				
Oct.	4	John B. Lorden..	83			Ireland				
Nov.	18	Seth B. Clough....	68			Bow				
Feb.	18	E. Martell.....	70			Canada				
Dec.	7	Chas. Hall.....				Concord				
Dec.	20	Adelarde Tenney .	82			.....				

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